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Applicant: Rengarajan et al. Examiner: Tran, T.
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For: RECESSED SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE
NITRIDE LINER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 15, 1999. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 10 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A shallow trench isolation in a substrate, said shallow trench isolation structure comprising:
- a trench in said substrate;

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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